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DC - Who is Moving In and Who is Moving Out: A Snapshot from the 2012 ACS

Introduction

Each year, millions of people pack up their belongings and move. A variety of reasons and conditions motivate these moves—life changes, personal and economic opportunities, setbacks and misfortunes. This report provides some socio-demographic characteristics of the people who moved into and out of the District of Columbia in 2012. The data are drawn from the American Community Survey (ACS), which is an ongoing survey of the population conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Cautionary Note: Migration data from the ACS (sample data) differ significantly from the population estimate migration data (administrative data).

General

- Of the 62,588 persons who moved to DC in 2012, 53,830 moved from different states in the U.S. to DC and 8,758 moved from abroad.
- In 2012, 59,513 people moved from DC to other states. (Note: No data is available for people who moved from DC to foreign countries).

Age

- Of the 53,830 who moved to DC from other states, the majority were 20-24 years old (23.8%) and 25-29 years old (19.4%).
- Of the 8,758 who moved from abroad to DC, the majority were 25-29 years old (30.3%) and 30-34 years old (18.4%).
- For all the people who moved to DC in 2012 (domestic or foreign), the majority were 20-24 years old (22.8%) and 25-29 years old (20.9%).
- The majority of the people who moved out of DC to other states in 2012 were the 25-29 years old (16.7%) and the 20-24 years old (15.0%).
- Given the data available, DC had a net gain of 20-24 years old (5,355 people) and 25-29 years old (3,167).

Median Age

- The median age of people who moved to DC from other states was 25.9 years.
- The median age of people who moved out of DC to other states was 28.7 years.

Gender

- The gender distribution of those who moved to DC from other states was about equal with 50.6% male and 49.4% female. But for those who came to DC from abroad, 44.8% were male and 55.2% were female.
- For those who moved out of DC to other states, 52.8% were male and 47.2% were female.

Race

- In 2012, 60% of the people who moved to DC from other states were white, 30% were black and 4.0% were Asian.
- For those who moved to DC from abroad, 63.7% were white, 9.9% were black and 9.7% were Asian.
- In 2012, 51% of those who moved out of DC to other states were white and 38% were black.

Marital Status

- Most of the people who moved to DC from other states were never married (79%) and married, but separated (15.1%).
- For those who moved to DC from abroad, 70.1% were never married and 27.0% were married, but separated.
- For the people who moved from DC to other states, 61.9% were never married and 24.6% were married, but separated.



Education

- For people 25 years and over who moved to DC from other states (29,417), 41% had a graduate or professional degree, 29.8% had a bachelor's degree, 16.8% had some college or associate's degree, 9% had a high school diploma, and 3.3 percent had less than high school graduate.
- In 2012, of all migrants 25 years and over who moved to DC from abroad (6,369), 41.1% had a graduate or professional degree, 43.5% had a bachelor's degree, 5% had an associate's degree, 6.7% had a high school diploma, and 3.7% had less than high school graduate.
- For migrants 25 years and over who moved out of DC to other states (37,606), 32.4% had a graduate or professional degree, 23.6% had a bachelor's degree, 19.7% had some college or associate's degree, 16.5% were high school graduate, and 7.8 percent had less than high school.

Individual Income

- In 2012, for the people who moved to DC from other states, 29.7% had income above \$50,000 and 12.3% had no income.
- For the people who moved to DC from abroad, 30.6% had income above \$50,000 and 25.5% had no income.
- For the people who moved out of DC to other states, 29.4% had income above \$50,000 and 16% had no income.



Median Income

- Median income of people who moved to DC from other states was \$32,242.
- Median income of people who moved out of DC to other states was \$35,586.

Tenure

- For all householders who moved to DC (49,887) in 2012, 82.1 percent lived in renter-occupied housing units and 17.9% lived in owner-occupied units.
- For all householders who moved out of DC (51,284) in 2012, 74.5% lived in renter-occupied units and 25.5% lived in owner-occupied units.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2012, 1-year data
Note:

1. Surveys could not be done on people who moved out to foreign countries.
2. Given the confluence of universities in the District, students coming to and leaving college can distort migration numbers.



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